

Dairy Review

Maryland cash receipts from milk marketings for 2000 totaled \$181.0 million, down 11 percent from the \$203.3 million for 1999. The decrease in cash receipts was caused by a \$1.50 per hundredweight price decrease from 1999 along with a 14 million pound decrease in milk production. Milk producers received an average of \$13.50 per hundredweight for milk sold in 2000, compared to \$15.00 per hundredweight in 1999. Milk production for 2000 totaled 1.35 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 1.37 billion pounds in 1999. The annual average number of milk cows was 84,000, down 1,000 from a year earlier. Milk per cow averaged 16,083 pounds, 24 pounds per cow more than in 1999. Dairy herds in Frederick County, the top milk producing county, produced 405.0 million

pounds of milk in 2000, down 28.0 million pounds from the previous year, and accounted for 30 percent of Maryland's total production. Washington and Carroll counties produced 246.0 and 219.0 million pounds of milk, respectively. Those three counties produced 64 percent of Maryland's milk during 2000. The annual average fat in milk was 3.76 percent, up 0.03 from 1999. Monthly fat tests in 2000 ranged from 3.62 percent in July to 3.87 percent in December.

Production of regular ice cream for 2000 totaled 20.3 million gallons, up 2 percent from the 19.9 million gallons produced in 1999. Low fat ice cream production for 2000 totaled 4.81 million gallons, down 10 percent from the 5.37 million gallons produced in 1999.

Milk Production and Total Cows

